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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements filed in the instant application on June 11, 2001, and May 9, 2003, Applicants hereby call the following documents, which were cited in a European Search Report dated November 12, 2003 for corresponding European Patent Application No. 01107957.1-2415, to the Examiner's attention:

International Publication No. WO 99/65180, which was published on December 16, 1999; and European Laid-Open Patent Publication No. EP 0876031, which was published on November 4, 1998.

The category of relevance of each of these documents, the relevant passages, and the claims to which relevant with respect to the European Patent Application is as noted on the attached copy of the European Search Report.

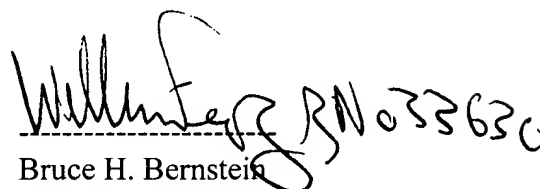
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite these patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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